

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 43, 45, 46, 50, 52, 57, 58 and 60 through 80 from the application as presently on file. A complete listing of the claims upon such cancellation is as follows:

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39. (previously presented) A multi-bit driver comprising:

a longitudinal housing including a bit chuck having a tool bit receiving channel, and plurality of actuator channels, and defining a longitudinal axis;

a plurality of tool bits nested within said housing in a retracted position;

actuating means for selectively extending said tool bits from said retracted position to an extended position whereat the selected tool bit projects from said tool bit receiving channel, and retracting the selected tool bit from said extended position to said retracted position;

wherein said bit chuck precludes said tool bit from rotating axially when in said extended position; and,

locking means for locking said tool bit in said extended position;

wherein each said actuating means is adapted to be easily deflected in a radial direction with respect to said longitudinal axis and resists deflection in a transverse direction relative thereto, to operably align the selected tool bit with said tool bit receiving channel as said tool bit is urged into said extended position.

40. (previously presented) The multi-bit driver claimed in claim 39, wherein each said actuating means is flexible.

41. (previously presented) The multi-bit driver claimed in claim 39, wherein each said actuating means includes a bit extension operably connected at one end to one of said tool bits and at the other end operably slideably connected to said housing, such that said bit extension is guided slidably along said actuator channel.

42. (previously presented) The multi-bit driver claimed in claim 39, wherein said locking means comprises a locking groove in each said tool bit and a locking member selectively movable into contact with said locking groove.

43. (canceled)

44. (previously presented) The multi-bit driver claimed in claim 39, further comprising fastening means connected to said bit extension for slidably connecting said bit extension to said housing.

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47. (previously presented) The multi-bit driver claimed in claim 39, wherein said bit extension has a planar profile with a width greater than its thickness.

48. (previously presented) The multi-bit driver claimed in claim 48, wherein said bit extension has a thickness to width ratio of at least 1 : 1.5.

49. (previously presented) The multi-bit driver claimed in claim 48, wherein said bit extension has a thickness to width ratio of at least 1 : 3.0.

50. (canceled)

51. (previously presented) The multi-bit driver claimed in claim 39, wherein said actuating means operates to extend said tool bit by longitudinal motion in one direction and retract said tool bit by longitudinal motion in the opposite direction.

52. (canceled)

53. (previously presented) The multi-bit driver claimed in claim 52, wherein said actuating means comprises an actuator knob partially projecting externally of said housing for the application of finger pressure thereto.

54. (previously presented) The multi-bit driver claimed in claim 39, wherein said housing includes a cone proximate said bit chuck, said cone having an interior guide surface for slidably guiding tool bits into alignment with said bit chuck as tool bits are urged into said extended position.

55. (previously presented) The multi-bit driver claimed in claim 54, wherein said cone is disposed between said retracted tool bits and said bit chuck for guiding tool bits into alignment with said bit chuck as tool bits are urged into said extended position.

56. (previously presented) The multi-bit driver claimed in claim 55, wherein said cone is an integral part of said housing.

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59. (previously presented) The multi-bit driver claimed in claim 58, wherein said guide means further comprises a guide support connected at one end to said guide and at an opposite other end to an end cap.

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